

MALTA

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 1971	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act, No. XXXII, of 1971, as amended by Acts XLVI of 1975, XXIV of 1978, XXVII of 1981, and I of 2002	12nm	Enabling legislation to regulate passage of ships through territorial sea. In particular, warships, nuclear-powered vessels and ships carrying nuclear or other inherently dangerous or noxious substances may be required to obtain prior permission or provide prior notification. <i>This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested requirement in CY 1981 and 1984 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1997 through 1999, 2001, 2016 and 2017.</i>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Dec 1971 1981 2002	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act, No. XXXII, of 1971, as amended by Acts XLVI of 1975, XXIV of 1978, XXVII of 1981, and I of 2002		Authorizes straight baselines.
	Jun 1985	ICJ Judgment		ICJ Judgment Malta v. Libya . Malta submitted chart of its straight baseline claims. <i>The U.S. does not recognize the claims. The U.S. protested in CY 1981, 1984 and FY 2017.</i>
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Dec 1971 1975 1981 2002	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act, No. XXXII, of 1971, as amended by Acts XLVI of 1975, XXIV of 1978, XXVII of 1981, and I of 2002	24nm	Malta extended its territorial waters and made a provision for a contiguous zone.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jul 1966 1983 2002	Continental Shelf Act No. XXXV OF 22 July 1966, as amended by Acts XIII of 1983 and I of 2002	1958 DEF	
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jul 1978 1981 2002	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act, No. XXXII, of 1971, as amended by Acts XLVI of 1975, XXIV of 1978, XXVII of 1981, and I of 2002	25nm	Establishes extra-territorial jurisdiction over fishing.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Dec 1987	Agreement		Agreement between Libya and Malta to implement Art. III of the Special Agreement and the ICJ judgment in Malta/Libya Continental Shelf Case.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982 May 1993			Signed Convention. Ratified Convention, with Declaration reiterating right to legislate prior notification of warships and ships carrying nuclear or noxious materials in innocent passage.

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	Jul 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Jun 1996			Ratified Part XI Agreement.